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ZPC Orders Video Games' Stop

By Connie Davis

Suffield: The Zoning and Planning Commission Monday ordered operation of all commercial video games in towns cease until an ordinance regulating their use comes before a public hearing in March.

Present zoning regulations were in effect prior to video games becoming popular. A subcommittee report presented at the meeting proposes amending these regulations to deal specifically with video games.

Amendments under consideration would allow such games in accessory use, as opposed to primary use, and might possibly limit the games to two machines per place of business.

According to officials, clarification of permitted uses of amusement games in town is necessary. Commissioners suggest adding "game room and arcades" to prohibited uses of the indoor recreation regulation. The intent of the ZPC is to prevent the establishment of arcades as a main business.

Further controls discussed by board members include a \$10 application fee per machine, adequate floor space and parking facilities.

Attorney John Wyzik appeared before the commission on behalf of Ernest Caruso, owner of a gas station on Mountain Road. Last fall, Caruso had installed several video and pinball machines in an office adjoining his gas station. Wyzik sought to have Caruso's application for a special use permit approved by ZPC.

Building Inspector Robert Johnson had issued a cease and desist order closing down Caruso's games in November. Town Counsel Charles Alfano then sought an injunction in Hartford Superior Court to close Caruso's operation. The request was postponed, and ZPC was instructed to decide whether to issue Caruso a special use permit.

The Commission rejected Caruso's request. Wyzik, a former Third Selectman, expressed agreement with First Selectman Earl Waterman that video games are not prohibited by present zoning regulations. He pointed out that Caruso was the only operator of games in town to receive a cease and desist order.

Town Heads Meet To Discuss Local Issues

By Andi Phelps

SOUTHWICK: Members of various town boards met Thursday evening to discuss goals of overall town government and the need for communication and support between municipal boards. Board members also expressed concern about the effects of Proposition 2 1/2 here and the possibility of an override by voters.

In an opening statement, Finance Committee Chairman Francis Ehrhardt said that if all departments presented level funded budgets "we would be alright."

He added, "We would be in tough shape to increase the budget without an override of the 2 1/2 cap." He said there will approximately \$70,000 to \$80,000 of additional funds available next year but most of that will be used for salary increases.

Tightened Up

Ehrhardt said that most town departments had tightened their budgets without adverse affects on the town. The school department, however, did not fare as well since they use a larger percentage of town funds forcing greater cutbacks.

Ehrhardt said the aim of the Finance Committee has been to protect the tax rate and to ensure that the reserve fund remains adequately funded in case of any unforeseen expenditures.

The Finance Committee, according to Ehrhardt, has a positive attitude toward the tax cap but added that it would also address important bond issues as in the case of the school roofs. He said the committee was

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"Good News Surrounds Us"

Four Items On Agenda...

Special Town Meeting Slated

By Andi Phelps

Southwick: Residents will be asked to vote on four items at the special town meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 27th, at 7:30 p.m. at Powder Mill School.

The School Committee is requesting \$25,000 to help make up a \$43,000 deficit in the special needs account. According to school officials, the unanticipated placement of special needs students out of the district has caused the deficit.

The annual town meeting approved \$5,000 for emergency placements, but several placements have arisen since June, according to School Superintendent Louis Josselyn. The special needs program is state mandated.

The Health Board hopes to hire a part-time sanitary inspector to assist with several court cases and is asking for a \$300 appropriation. Amounts up to \$800 have been available in past years for hiring outside help, but this account was cut to \$2 by the annual town meeting.

The Finance Committee did not favor the request

because they felt the town already had the necessary personnel to enforce health codes and make needed inspections. These include the town council members, building, wiring and plumbing inspections, and the police.

According to Health Board chairman Leo Sagan, professional inspection and testimony is necessary for court cases such as the sewerage disposal problem at Lakeview Village and the burned-out buildings at Smith's Beach. Sagan also said food establishments have to be checked regularly, and his volunteer board is still short one member.

In other business, voters will be asked to increase boarding fees for dogs from \$3.00 to \$5.00 per day to cover increased costs of maintaining the town kennel.

Water commissioners are asking the town to transfer \$2,284 from their available surplus account to the salaries account. About \$50 is slated to be used for overtime for the clerk to put out bills and for service to the breaks in water lines because of the extremely cold weather.

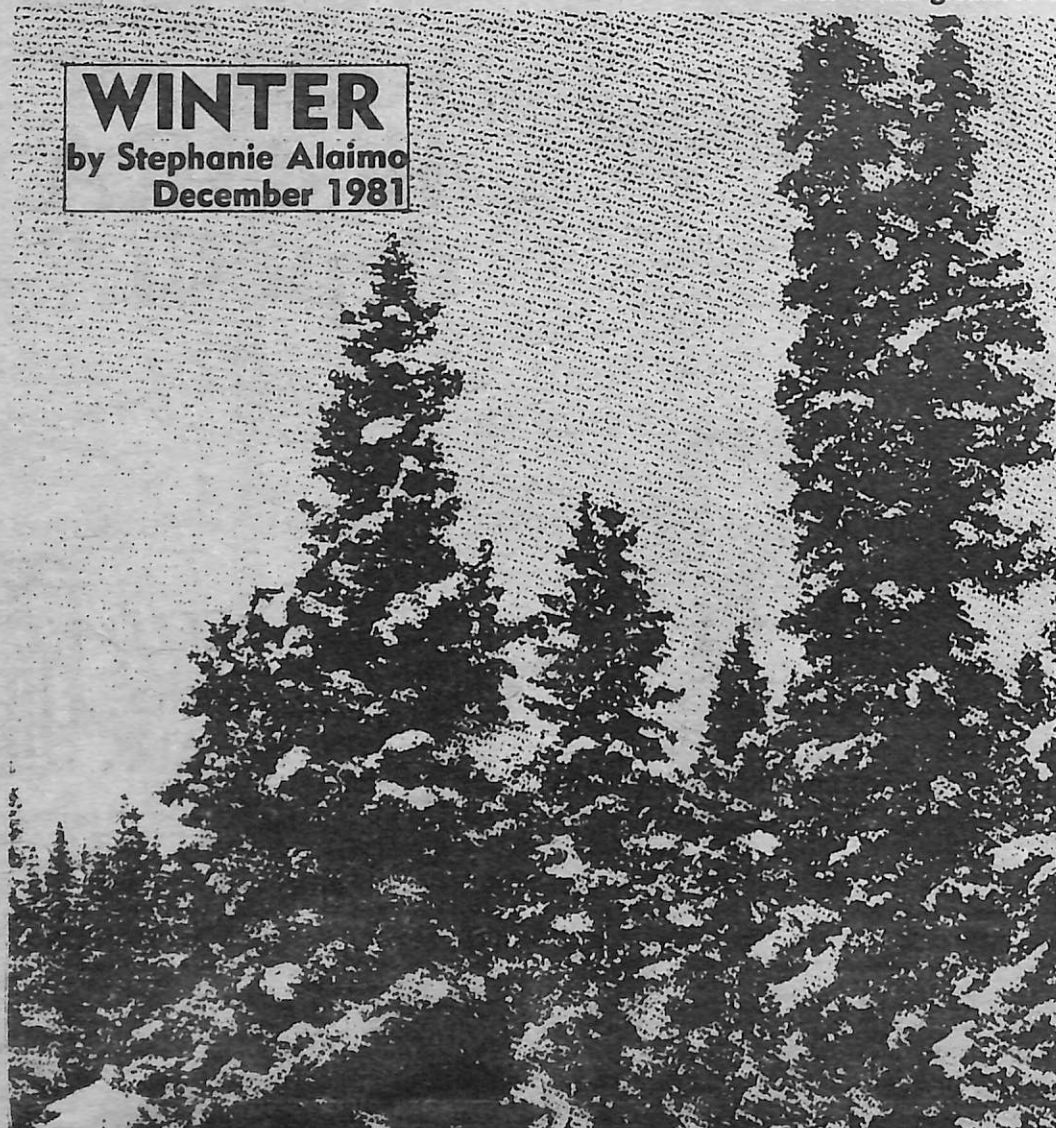
The Winter snow is falling,
Its whiteness all aglow,
The icicles are hanging
From each bare branch below,
And Winter's nip is in the air;
But we don't care...we don't care
Because there is beauty,
Beauty everywhere.

We see the sunshine in the snow,
We see the moonbeams
In its glow;
We see the trees all clothed grand,
Glowing icicles hanging
From each hand...
We hear the tinkle, a musical tinkle
As the icicles hit a musical cord.

Who are we to say...
That's not beauty in accord?
When we see the trees so clothed,
When we see the snow so brilliant,
In its whiteness so resilient,
And we hear the music molded...
In the icicles fluted, folded tone,
Lucky we to have such beauty
In its winter greatness shone.

WINTER

by Stephanie Alaimo
December 1981



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asking all departments for an estimate of possible capital expenditures for the next five years.

According to selectman Russell Fox, voters may not be able to decide whether or not to override 2 1/2 until April. Fox said the Board of Selectmen would review all town budgets and investigate other sources of funding before making a decision on the tax cap.

According to Town Accountant Eileen Whiting, there are several ways voters may override 2 1/2 but all required a two-thirds approval by the Board of Selectmen before a special referendum appeared on the ballot.

If selectmen allow the question on the ballot, voters can by majority vote, decide to tighten or loosen by 5 percent the present limit or to exempt debts or bond issues from the limit.

Level Funding Disastorous

On the issue of level funding, School Committee woman Sheila Larkin said such action would be disastorous for the school department. She said more programs will have to be cut this year and the School Committee has no control over state mandated special education.

Town officials generally maintained that if individuals live and work in a community, they cannot expect low taxes and increased wages. Officials felt that all employee contracts should not be finalized until a town meeting vote of allowable funding.

In an effort to eliminate conflicting decisions from various board, Selectmen Chairman John Veil said questionnaires would be sent to the boards asking for rules and regulations regarding license and permit requests.

In closing remarks Viel noted that all elected and appointed officials are subject to the open meeting law and therefore should use discretion in what is said at public meetings. He said that boards may hold closed sessions but only in specific cases as stated by the Mass. General Laws.

Civil Defense Under Review

By Andi Phelps

Southwick: The town's Civil Defense program has gone "down hill" in the past ten years Director David Brown told town officials Thursday. He said civil defense is not "just for war time but is necessary during any major disaster."

Presently there are no fall-out shelters or central meeting places in Southwick to shelter residents in an emergency situation, Brown said. He added that the town would also need a master plan for operation and evacuation during a period of disaster.

Selectmen have been considering the purchase of an emergency generator for the police department. The one in current use produces only enough power to operate the radios, said Chairman John Viel. When the power was out last week the police station relied on a Coleman lantern for light. There was no heat.

Had there been a lengthy power failure an alternative heat source would have to be supplied to prevent damage to fire trucks housed within the town building. Viel also said Southwick needs a warm place for elderly and other residents who would be without heat at these times.

Brown noted there are federal and state matching funds available for civil defense equipment. He said such equipment could also be loaned to police when needed. The recently appointed director would also like to set up a radio monitoring group to assist the town during emergencies.

Selectmen are considering a general plan for emergency situations using the civil defense procedures as a guide, Viel said. He added that the board was reviewing ways to fund a civil defense program.

Tolland Requests Tuition Reduction From Southwick

By Andi Phelps

Southwick: The School Committee has received a request from the Tolland School Committee to reconsider tuition hikes proposed for next year.

According to Tolland Committee Chairman Richard Putzinger, the tuition increase is higher than operating costs. With salaries being the major expense, the Tolland committee wanted to know what the cost reduction would be without the 40 students that the town now has in Southwick schools. They feel this would be a fair estimation of the real costs, said Putzinger.

The local school department has raised tuition from \$550 to \$625 for kindergarten students; \$1300 to \$1450 for elementary; \$1300 to \$1450 for middle school and \$1800 to \$2150 for high school students.

Actual per pupil cost to the town is \$623 for kindergarten; \$1437 for elementary; \$1601 for middle school and \$2135 for high school.

The 1982-83 rates are based on school costs for 1980-81 in accordance with state regulations, noted Southwick School Superintendent Louis Josselyn.

In light of the increase, Tolland has been looking to other towns to send its students. Southwick School Committee Chairwoman Priscilla Deveno plans to address the questions raised by the Tolland board.

She said the committee hopes to maintain the "good relationship" it now has with towns paying to send their students to the Southwick system. Mrs. Deveno said the School Committee must set a "fair rate" on tuition and sees "no reason to subsidize" these towns.

In other action, the committee appointed local residents Barbara Wayne and Daniel Hess as Powder Mill School gym club advisors and Cynthia Ellershaw as permanent clerk at Woodland School.

Also, Jack Lampiasi was appointed high school glee club advisor. The committee consolidated the two positions of high school boys and girls assistant track coach into one position due to declining participation in the sport.

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Towns Hit Hard By Snow Costs

Like all other area towns, both Southwick and Suffield have been hit hard in their snow removal budgets during the recent cold, snowy weather engulfing New England.

Suffield's First Selectman Earl Waterman reports that town budgeted \$24,000 for snow removal this year. With seven trucks (plow and truck are considered one unit), the town does its own plowing. On regular week days, snow removal operations present no unusual problem, but storms on weekends or at night cost the town more due to necessary overtime expenses.

Highway supervisor Earl Robinson checks out road conditions during stormy weather, and, when conditions warrant action, he sends out plows to keep up with inclement conditions.

According to Waterman, all town equipment in Suffield is in top shape as preventative maintenance is carried out routinely and no new equipment should be needed for several years.

Waterman pointed out that the town took advantage of prices two years ago and stockpiled sand. He explained that pure salt is not used because of its impact on the environment. A mixture of salt in sand is spread instead.

Southwick, too, seems to be within its snow removal budget so far, according to selectman John Viel, though he noted that recently the highway crew had worked 36 hours straight to clear roads.

Southwick Town Accountant Eileen Whiting predicted that "heavy snowfall could cause our budget to be depleted before the end of the winter." According to Ms. Whiting, the snow removal account has been cut by almost \$2,000 from last year. This account covers contracts with private plowers, purchase of new equipment, and salt purchases.

Southwick has a reserve force of ten plows hired when the regular highway workers cannot keep up with a storm. Viel explained that the highway crew clears main roads first and then side streets as time allows. This crew has been reduced from nine men to five, including the superintendent.

Selectmen in both towns want to remind residents of their obligation to clear sidewalks adjoining their property within 24 hours of a storm.

They wish to remind citizens that vehicles impeding the path of sand trucks and plows will be towed. They added that private plowing of snow into or across roads was dangerous, illegal, and potentially damaging to the road and other vehicles that travel over it.



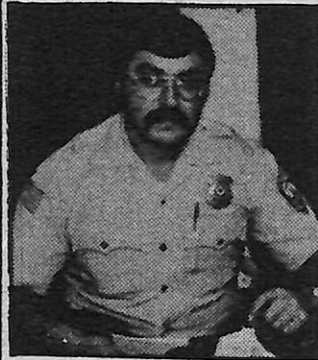
Legal Memo

By Alan L. Ferrigno, Esq.

Gift-giving Can Cut Estate Taxes

The liberalized rules on gift-giving after 1981 provide new options in reducing your tax bite. Under the new tax law, there is no limit on the amount that can be transferred to a spouse - either by will or during your lifetime - free of gift and estate taxes. In addition, the amount that can be given to others has been increased to \$10,000 (\$20,000 for married couples) per donee each year. This provides the opportunity to get a significant sum of money out of your estate by making gifts to children, grandchildren and other relatives.

Also, for decedents dying after December 31, 1981, most gifts made within three years of death will no longer be included in the gross estate for estate tax purposes. This new rule does not apply, however, to some transfers.



CRIME PREVENTION

By Bob Grimaldi
Southwick Officer

Crime prevention means crime intervention, intervention by each of us.

We had an interesting housebreak this past week. The house had above-average security; windows were of good construction, doors of metal construction, fashionable. However, even though they had one of the best doors made, they had one of the weakest made locks. This lock is sometimes referred to as the "credit card" lock. If you're in a hurry, one good kick will open it. It's about a three-second lock.

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Local Woman Elected Pol-Am Officer



VALERIA MELLONI of Southwick (center) was recently named as vice-president of the women's division of the Polish American Club in Feeding Hills. Congratulating Valeria at the installation banquet at the club were, Agnes Liptak (treasurer) and Jane Carroll (president). Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine.

Women's Club Names Show Chairmen

Suffield: Mrs. Thompson, president of the Suffield Women's Club, has named the chairmen of the club's upcoming fourth annual Miniature and Collectibles Show and Sale, which will be held April 3rd at Spaulding School.

Co-chairmen of the event will be Norma Cobb and Patsy Fehm. Posters and Courtesy Cards will be chaired by Vicky Markowski; Raffle, Ethel Nelsen; Refreshments, Dolly Bryll; Set-up, Ann Harvey; Break down, Phyllis Stafford; Gate, Barbara Powell; Signs, Fran Scully; Door Prizes, Judy Spaulding; Advertising and Publicity, Joan Tatro.

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Suffield Players To Hold Auditions For Spring Production

Auditions for the Suffield Players' spring production of Tennessee Williams' *The Glass Menagerie* will take place on January 27 and 28 beginning at 8 p.m. in the auditorium of Suffield High School.

The Glass Menagerie calls for four characters: one woman to play the mother Amanda, a younger woman to play her daughter, and two men to play respectively her son and the gentleman caller. Copies of the play are available for three-day loan at the Kent Memorial Library.

The spring production will take place on three or four successive weekends beginning April 23. Rehearsals will begin at the end of January.

The Suffield Players are also looking for individuals to work in the production in any area from set building to publicity. The Players may be contacted at Bob 101, Suffield.

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Suffield Calendary Of Events

(Sponsored By The Friends Of The Kent Memorial Library)

Mon., Jan. 25: Fire drill, 7 p.m., Central Firehouse; Film "King King," 7 p.m., library, free; Commission Heads meeting, 7 p.m., Town Hall; prayer meeting, 8 p.m., Sacred Heart hall.

Tues., Jan. 26: AARP meeting, 2 p.m., Sacred Heart hall; Blood Pressure Clinic, 4-6 p.m., Emergency Aid Bldg., free; Rotary Club, 6 p.m., Suffield Inn; Boy Scout Troop 260, 7 p.m., St. Joseph's hall; Zoning Board of Appeals, 7:30, Town Hall.

Wed., Jan. 27: Thrift Shop open, 10-3 o'clock; Library program "Guide To New Tax Laws," 7:30; Recreation Comm., 7:30, Town Hall annex; Suffield Republican Comm. 7:30, Town Hall; Auditions for Suffield Players' "Glass Menagerie," 8 p.m., Suffield High School.

Thurs., Jan. 28: Holy Name Soc. bingo, 7:30, St. Joseph's hall; Auditions for "Glass Menagerie," 8 p.m., S.H.S.

Sun., Jan. 31: Library open, 1-4:30 p.m.; Annual meeting of Friends of Kent Memorial Library with singer Nancy Tucker, 2 p.m., at the library. All welcome.

Council For Arts Sponsors Antique Appraisal Day

Suffield: On Sunday, February 7th, from 1 to 5 p.m., the Suffield Council for the Arts is sponsoring an antique appraisal day to be held at the Kent Memorial Library.

Oral appraisals will be given on jewelry, gem stones, china, silver, small pieces of furniture, antique prints, paintings, crystal, and decorative accessories.

The appraisers are Stanley Szwed, Jr., a certified gemologist from Swede's Jewelers, and Bob Newall, an appraiser of fine arts and estates in the Hartford area. One dollar per item with a three-item limit.

Note that all appraisals are oral and, therefore, not intended for insurance purposes.

Swingles Dance Club Set Dance & Fashion Show

The Swingles Square Dance Club will feature Jerry Benoit doing the calling and cueing the rounds at their square dance on Friday, January 29th, at 8 p.m. at the Church of the Good Shepherd, 33 Elm Street, West Springfield.

The highlight of the evening will be an exclusive showing by Meg Simkins of her spring fashions.

All western-style square dancers, single as well as couples, are cordially invited to attend.

GET WELL WISHES

Southwick: Get well wishes are extended to Southwick Selectman Vivian Brown, who is home recuperating after a hospital stay for a back injury.



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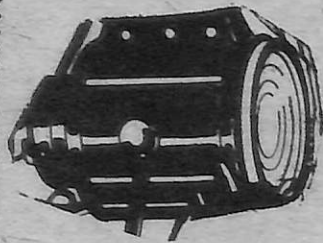
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Tues., Jan. 26: Beef vegetable stew, tomato juice, tossed salad, roll, chocolate pudding, milk

Wed., Jan. 27: Pork cutlet, scalloped potato, spinach, vegetable beef soup, wheat bread w/marg., applesauce, milk

Thurs., Jan. 28: Macaroni & cheese, peas & onions, carrot & raisin salad, rye bread w/marg., applesauce cake, milk

Fri., Jan. 29: Chicken cacciatore, Spanish rice, sliced carrots, cole slaw, wheat bread w/marg., fresh orange, milk

SOUTHWICK SENIORS' ACTIVITIES

Blood pressure clinics are being held every other month now, with the next one scheduled for March 17th.

Anyone wishing to play the card game Set-back may do so on Mondays at 1 p.m. each week. Contact Roy Johnson at 569-3425 or the Senior Center at 569-5498 if you are interested. More players are needed.

The bowling team plays each Monday at the commercial lanes on Elm Street in Westfield beginning at 1 p.m. Anyone over 60 can join the team. Call Marian Anderson at 569-3781 for more information.

SUFFIELD SENIORS' ACTIVITIES

The Suffield Chapter AARP will meet at Sacred Heart Hall on January 26th at 2 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Lamont will show slides of their recent trip to Australia and New Zealand.

Sleigh Rally Scheduled

A sleigh rally is planned for Sunday, January 31, 1982, at Twin Maple Farm, 155 North West Street, Feeding Hills. The event will include a show and judging of best horse and sleigh.

Hot chocolate and a bonfire will be featured and spectators and participants are welcome. A \$1 parking fee will benefit the Twin Maple Farm Riding Club.

For more information, call Sue at 786-5307.



Financial Facts

Gary C. Smith
Suffield Savings Bank

Families Should Have Savings Account

Financial counselors agree that every family should have a savings account for emergency purposes. They say that ideally, a family should have an amount saved that equals six months of the family income. Such a savings fund would see most families through emergencies like accidents, extended illness, or loss of income due to a job layoff.

While it is an excellent idea to have this much money saved, many families see the accumulation of six months income as an insurmountable task. If saving six months is not a feasible goal, families should think smaller.

Set a goal to save a small amount regularly, each pay day. Make your savings deposit as soon as your pay check is cashed. In other words, pay yourself first, then your bills.

You'll be surprised how quickly your savings will grow. A savings account with at least one month of a family income is certainly more reassuring than no savings at all. And, in time, it will grow to a larger amount through regular additions each week.

As you save regularly, you will find additional benefits. For example, many banks will give customers free services if they maintain a certain savings balance. A free checking account can save you as much as six dollars per month. Also, some banks and most credit unions will give lower loan rates to depositors.

Area Parents Anonymous Sponsors Local Chapters

The Great Westfield Area Council for Children is sponsoring a local chapter of Parents Anonymous. Parents Anonymous is a self-help group for parents who feel that they abuse their children physically or psychologically, and wish to stop. The group maintains strict confidentiality among members, and follows guidelines similar to those of Alcoholics Anonymous. Only first names are used, both in the referral process and in Parents Anonymous participation.

The chapter meets every Thursday evening, from 7:00 to 9:00 pm at an unpublished location. For further information for a confidential referral to the group, call either one of the following numbers and leave only your first name. (Sponsor) Edith -413-562-4956 or (Council for Children) 413-562-5014.

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REV. THOMAS B. WALTER

Congregational Minister To Be Installed

By Connie Davis

Suffield: The Rev. Thomas B. Walter will be formally installed as minister of the First Church of Christ, Congregational, Suffield, on Sunday, January 31st, at 5 p.m. Dr. Harold Fohlin, Dr. Richard Leng, and Rev. Ray Harwick will officiate at the service.

Mr. Walter was graduated from Wheaton College in Illinois and received his master's in divinity from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in 1972. He has served in the Crombie Street Congregational Church in Salem and Immanuel Congregational Church in Beverly, both in Massachusetts. He received his doctorate in the ministry from Andover-Newton Theological School in 1979.

While in Beverly, Mr. Walter was on the staff of the Middleton Pastoral Counseling Center. He is a Fellow in the American Association of Pastoral Counselors.

Born in Seattle, Washington, Rev. Walter grew up in Hilo, Hawaii, where his parents still live. He and his wife Joan have two children, Andy and Sarah, who attend Spaulding School. The family lives in the parsonage next to the church on High School.

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Community Scrapbook

By Claudia Scott



Janet Davilli Well-Known For Handcrafted Items

Janet Davilli of Southwick is an efficient and enthusiastic woman who gets things accomplished. Her energy extends from keeping a beautiful home on South Longyard Road filled with homemade touches and managing a quickly growing business of handcrafted items for sale to juggling a very active family life and hours of volunteer work for the Southwick schools.

Janet has lived in Southwick for seven years, having moved there from Agawam. In addition to her husband Barry and two daughters, Nicole, 10, and Christina, 5, the "family consists of two Samoyeds, Tasha and Kimo, and a checkered rabbit named Whiskers.

Because Janet wants to be involved in her children's activities, especially the educational ones, she finds the time to volunteer for the annual Christmas bazaar at Woodland and Powder Mill Schools. This project is the culmination of a year's efforts by mothers who want their children to have extended educational opportunities through field trips and other special school activities which might otherwise have to be eliminated because of reduced budgets.

December marked the first time Powder Mill School had participated in the bazaar previously held for kindergarten through fourth graders. Powder Mill Principal Herbert Pace praises the project as one activity he really appreciates. He adds that he is very impressed by the number of handmade items created by these women who begin each January to prepare for the following Christmas event.

Janet became involved in the children's bazaar when she agreed to help out three years ago. She soon assumed a leadership role when the need arose and has been a chairman ever since.



JANET DAVILLI

Pat Bahlin is her present co-chairman, and Janet describes her as "one heck of a worker." Pat comments that she enjoys working with Janet for a number of reasons: "She is prompt, keeps everything on schedule, and is very likeable."

Pat also states, "Jan believes that 'where there's a will, there's a way' and because of it, things get done that might not otherwise be accomplished."

This strong will to get things done not only leads to a successful children's bazaar, but also helps Janet with her new craft business which she began with Pat after meeting her on bazaar work. In marketing their raffia and herb items, they now sell their products to several area craft and floral shops and to a distributor in Vermont. Janet's husband Barry often helps out with basic production when deadlines press.

Like their mother, daughters Nicole and Christina also enjoy crafts. Nicole belongs to a 4-H craft club and proudly displays her award ribbons along with the projects for which she earned them.

These activities take up many of Janet's hours, which she does not mind because she believes encouraging children in their growing years is important. She and Barry try to develop self-confidence in both their girls as well as plan fun activities to keep their family close.

The Davillis hope that their years of enthusiastic interaction with their daughters will pay off when the girls are faced with serious decisions that will come as they grow older.

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GEORGE MCCANNON III

Suffield Inn Glows With McCannon

By Connie Davis

Suffield: On Saturday nights, live entertainment is being featured at the Suffield Inn in the appearance of George McCannon III, singer and all-around performer. Billed as a one-man show, he accompanies himself on an electric guitar as he sings a wide variety of songs from pop to country, folk, light rock, and classics. Rhythm is accentuated by his use of a "homemade stompin' board," backup sound tracks of his recordings, and audience participation with tamborines which he provides.

A friendly person, McCannon stops at each table to greet patrons prior to beginning his performance. He ties his songs together with good-natured, lively commentary as his show progresses through two hours of entertainment.

Born and raised in Winsted and an accomplished horseman, McCannon graduated from Gilbert School and, because of his love for horses, went on to Michigan State University to study veterinary medicine.

While attending MSU, he was heard singing at a party, and one thing led to another - in this case, a recording contract - and McCannon entered the world of professional entertainment.

McCannon has toured extensively throughout the United States and Canada, performing, emceeing, and managing Dick Clark's road show. In addition, he has made numerous commercials.

McCannon will be appearing at the Suffield Inn on Mountain Road every Saturday night from about 9 o'clock on. His rich, baritone voice, smile, and dynamic personality combine to make a most pleasant night of entertainment. Based on the reception he has received thus far, reservations are recommended.

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School Lunches Encourage Nutrition

By Andi Phelps

Southwick: Although this is Child Nutrition Week in Massachusetts, the big push for school lunches in Southwick will take place in March, according to G. Paul Carlberg, food services director. Carlberg plans poster contests and taste-testing experiments among students at that time.

This week, though, he will feature posters throughout the three town schools and has requested teachers to work nutritional information into their classroom lessons.

In spite of recent price increases leading to the current 85¢, school lunches are still a good buy, says Carlberg. Including federal and state reimbursements, lunches actually cost approximately 91½¢ each to produce.

Schools can purchase many items through the U.S.D.A. commodity lost for about 8% of their actual cost; for example, a pound of ground beef valued at \$1.21 costs schools 10¢. The government also reimburses certain manufacturers of products such as pizza who sell to schools at low prices.

According to Carlberg, prices have gone up locally because of inflation and rising labor costs. Federal reimbursements have been cut in general with a total loss of milk reimbursement.

Carlberg reports that his program runs on a close budget, but does come out ahead most years. Excess funds are put in a revolving fund to be used only for the lunch program.

He and his staff make every effort to serve foods students prefer in portions geared to their age levels while still remaining within government regulations. They try to keep participation in the program up and waste down as decreased participation also adds to rising prices. Southwick maintains approximately a 60% participation.

Various programs have been initiated to encourage lunch purchases. Questionnaires were submitted to high schoolers inquiring of their favorite foods and suggestions for improving the lunch program. New menus have been taste-tested there also.



G. Paul Carlberg

"We get a good idea of what will sell and what will be a total bomb," Carlberg says of these experiments.

The Massachusetts Department of Education explains the school lunch program was created in 1946 by Congress as a "measure of national security to safeguard the health...of the nation's children." The objective of the program is to offer nutritionally sound meals at affordable prices. Approximately one-third of a child's daily food needs are provided in school lunches.

Studies have been conducted which show that nutritionally sound school lunches can cost from 25% to 200% less than those brought from home, which are often not nutritionally sound. All school lunches contain certain minimum requirements of meat, or a protein alternate, vegetable or fruit, choice from the bread group, and milk.

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SCHOOL NEWS



SOUTHWICK HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL Alexander Prew congratulates Kristine Bannish on being selected for the DAR "Good Citizen" Award at SHS. Photo by Andi Phelps.

Kristine Bannish D.A.R. Award Recipient

Southwick: Ms. Kristine Bannish has been named the D.A.R. Good Citizen from Southwick High School. Chosen by members of the senior class and faculty, Kristine is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Bannish of Feeding Hills Road.

The award is offered in public schools in every state by the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Selection is based on citizenship, scholarship, service to the school and patriotism.

Kris has been active in sports, Student Council, drama club, yearbook staff, Hostess Club, and as a class officer.

She plans to attend the University of Vermont to pursue a career in nursing. The General William Shepherd Chapter of the D.A.R. in Westfield is her sponsoring group.

Southwick School Lunch Menus Powder Mill & High Schools

Mon., Jan. 25: Sloppy Joe on bun, potato rounds, sliced cheese, choice of fruit or pudding, milk
Tues., Jan. 26: Tomato rice soup, tuna salad/pocket bread, shredded lettuce, cheese fingers, chilled fruit, milk
Wed., Jan. 27: Baked lasagna, tossed salad, French sticks & butter, dessert, milk
Thurs., Jan. 28: Vegetable beef soup, frankfurter, cheese fingers, vegetable sticks, jello, milk
Fri., Jan. 29: Celebration Lunch for Child Nutrition Week: chilled apple juice, oven baked chicken, whipped potatoes, buttered green peas, roll & butter, chilled fruit, cookie, milk OR cold cut grinder, chilled fruit, cookie, milk

Woodland School

Monday: same
Tuesday: same
Wednesday: Baked ravioli, shredded cheese, tossed salad, French bread & butter, gingerbread, milk
Thursday: same
Friday: Celebration Lunch for Child Nutrition Week: chilled apple juice, baked chicken, green peas, roll & butter, chilled fruit, cookie, milk

Powder Mill Observes Hobby Month

Southwick: According to the Hobby Industry of America, January is National Hobby Month. Southwick's Powder Mill School will celebrate this occasion by presenting the third annual Hobby Fair on January 26th.

The Hobby Fair provides an opportunity for all students and staff to display and/or demonstrate their hobbies to the public. In past years, approximately 100 participants have exhibited a wide variety of spare-time activities ranging from raising livestock to cake decorating and from stamp collecting to dirt-bike racing.

The students' presentations are judged and prize ribbons are awarded in each of five categories - hand-crafts, collections, sports, models and miscellaneous. Judging is based on the student's knowledge of his subject and the neatness and originality of his display.

The Hobby Fair, under the direction of Mrs. Carol Geryk and Mrs. Kathleen Machowski, will take place in the school's auditorium and east cafeteria from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. next Tuesday.

There is no admission charged, and the public is encouraged to attend. Students will be pleased to meet and answer questions about their various hobbies.

McAlister Schedules Parents Night To Explain Achievement Tests

Suffield: An evening meeting will be held for parents of seventh grade students at McAlister Middle School on Thursday, January 28th, in the school's cafeteria at 7 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting is for school personnel to explain to parents the results of the California Achievement Tests taken by students last October. In addition to the explanation, parents will receive personal copies of their child's test scores.

For those parents who are unable to attend the meeting, another session will be held on the morning of Wednesday, February 3rd, at 9 a.m. in the school's cafeteria.

Adult Ed. Classes Begin

Suffield: Evening adult education classes will begin the week of January 25th in Suffield. Registration for these classes will take place again on Tuesday, January 26th, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the main office of McAlister Middle School at 260 Mountain Road.

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Suffield Students Participate In Nutrition Program

By Connie Davis

Suffield: Students at West Suffield School recently participated in a month-long nutrition program in conjunction with Helene Jensen, a registered dietitian at UConn, who chose the school to demonstrate her doctoral thesis "Nutrition Education in the School Lunchroom."

West Suffield School boasts the highest lunchroom count in town, having reached 60% participation.

The cooperation of teachers and cafeteria manager, Mrs. Helen Adams, was very important in the initial stages of the nutrition program. Teachers conducted a survey of favorite foods in each classroom.

Each of the four weeks of the program featured a special theme built on "School Lunch Adds Up." The second week saw menus broken down to discussions on the need for calcium; the third week, the need for vitamin A; and the fourth week, the need for vitamin C.

Mrs. Adams said that colorful posters starring Calvin Calcium, Colleen Carrot, Betty Broccoli, and Ollie Orange decorated the lunch room. Children got stickers for trying different foods. Game cards were also given to those who ate hot lunch to foster understanding of the need for nutritious food.

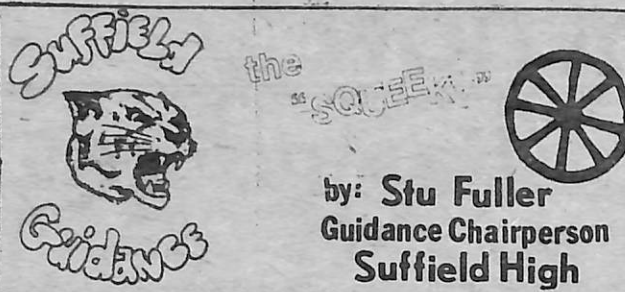
Besides nutrition education activities for children, the program included recipes and menus for those preparing lunches. Mrs. Adams took advantage of these.

When children composed menus of favorite foods, three of the four classrooms chose the favorite hamburgers. One day in December, the cafeterias townwide served a menu put together by the children at West Suffield.

According to Mrs. Adams, the children showed a lot of interest in the program. Lunch count went up and has stayed up since the program took place, and children have learned to try all foods with very little waste.

A notice was sent home to parents to help evaluate the program. Many noticed greater awareness of nutrition in the home and a willingness to try more foods.

The special month-long program, combined with the nutrition teaching going on routinely at West Suffield School and Mrs. Adams' good meals which are remembered long after children leave that school, certainly deserve words of praise.



by: **Stu Fuller**
Guidance Chairperson
Suffield High

PSAT (Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Tests) scores have finally arrived and most students have already received the news. There really is no such thing as a "bad" score since they really are just one of several indicators which help students to decide whether or not they wish to continue their education and at what school they might be successful.

There is no doubt in our minds that if a student wants to go to college, there is a program available to him/her. There really is a "smorgasbord" of options available to most students - two and four year public and private colleges, as well as vocational training programs ranging from six months through two years, are especially available here in the Northeast.

If this year's PSAT scores are an indication of Suffield High graduates to come, it is clear that they will continue to be competitive in the college arena. With 84 juniors taking the PSAT this year, we saw the verbal mean jump to 43 and the math to 47. Both these scores indicate that Suffield's average is well above the national average when a student is compared with a "typical" high school student. Both these scores fall in the 77th percentile.

PSAT scores are normally lower than SAT scores. SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Tests) scores are usually taken at the end of the junior year and are the scores required by most colleges in the Northeast.

Career Goals

Over 80 different college, vocational school and armed services representatives have visited SHS thus far this year. We encourage all students to take part in these opportunities to meet with visitors and learn of the various educational and career options available to them.

In mid-January, over 40 students took the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Test Battery and are looking forward to seeing the results. We also strongly encourage vocationally bound juniors and seniors to meet with Mr. Gregor, our work experience coordinator, to discuss options. The "work dude" can be very helpful in making career choices.

Suffield School Lunch Menus

Mon., Jan. 25: Shells with tomato sauce & Parmesan cheese, veal cutlet, green beans, peaches, milk
Tues., Jan. 26: Hamburger in roll, steamed brown rice, whole kernal corn, Delicious apple, milk
Wed., Jan. 27: Cheese pepperoni pizza, tossed salad, box of raisins, milk
Thurs., Jan. 28: Oven fried haddock, mashed potato, peas, orange cream pudding or fruit, milk
Fri., Jan. 29: Vegetable soup, taco with lettuce, tomato, & cheese, pears, milk

Read-Athon Completed By Nine Students

Suffield: Anthony Kula, principal of McAlister Middle School, has announced that nine students have completed the Multiple Sclerosis Read-Athon sponsored by the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Sixth grade students completed the project were Jennifer Monteleone, Clofe Llagas, Lynn Millick, Jennifer Grouten, Robin DiGennaro, and Edward Gogulski.

Seventh graders completing the read-athon were Janet Lennon, Charissa Fabi, and Karen Knapps.

College Acceptances

Congratulations to this week's college acceptances: Mary Ellen Gogulski, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gogulski, 1039 Ratley Road, to Western Connecticut State College; Kathy Kemp, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kemp, 29 Crane Hill, to Boston University;

Also, Kris Krueger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. K. Krueger, 725 Overhill Drive, to Stephen F. Austin University in Texas; Scott Mandirola, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Mandirola, 1600 North Street, to University of Maine.

Also, Tracey Pedersen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Pedersen, 909 Mapleton Avenue, to Lyndon State; Nancy Shaughnessy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Shaughnessy, 477 Suffield Street, to College of New Rochelle; and Jackie Stafford, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. A. Stafford, 939 North Street, to Bay Path Junior College.

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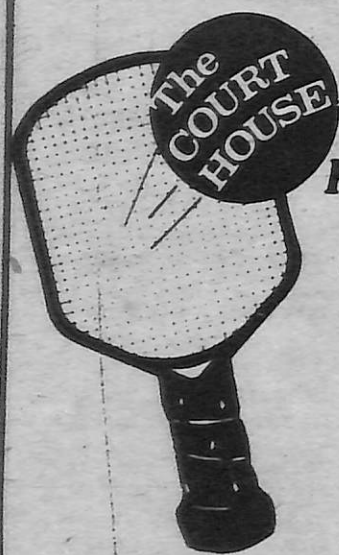
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SPORTS/RECREATION

Ram' Girls Fall To 'Hamp, 52-45

By Chris Hout

Forward Marcella Zalot pumped in a game high 22 points, 13 in the tell-tale fourth quarter as the Hampshire Red Raiders slipped past Southwick 52-45 in girls high school hoop action Thursday night in Southwick.

Zalot broke open a 43-43 tie with seven clutch free throws in the final three minutes to seal the victory for the determined Red Raiders.

The Rams, who never led in the contest, cut Hampshire's deficit to 39-35 on a Kim Florek three-point play with 5:28 left in the game.

That play was preceded by an Avola Brown (11 points) lay-up and followed two free throws and a 10-foot jumper from Brown, who tied the game at 39-39 with 4:54 left.

Following two Hampshire buckets, Cindy Lapan (11 points) brought the Rams to within three at 43-40 when she sank a technical foul shot with 4:03 showing.

Allison Hiers was then fouled on the ensuing play; Hiers sank the front end of a one-in-one, bringing Southwick to within a field goal at 43-41.

An alert Ram defense picked off a Hampshire pass on the next play, culminating with a Brown bucket with 3:27 left in the ball game and tied at 43-43.

The Red Raiders then preceded to go on a 9-2 run, spearheaded by Zalot to capture the victory.

"We were beaten by a better team. It's as simple as that," said Southwick coach Jim Vincent in watching his team fall to 8-2.

Hampshire jumped out to a quick 8-0 lead at the start of the game as Southwick, who committed 12 first quarter turnovers, turned the ball over their first five times up the floor.

It wasn't until a Jesse Hansen (4 points) jumper with 4:08 left in the quarter did Southwick get on the

board. Hampshire then outscored Southwick 5-1 after the Hansen marker, leading 13-3 after the initial quarter.

In the second session Southwick came right at the Red Raiders, scoring the first four points of the quarter to cut the deficit to six at 13-7.

The two teams then traded baskets for the next six minutes as Hampshire led 22-17 at the half. Pam Kirsche (4 points) came off the bench to score four big points in that quarter for Southwick. Brown and Florek chipped in with three apiece while Karen Schulz (4 points) and Lapan added two of their own.

The third quarter was controlled for the most part by the hometowners. Southwick outscored Hampshire 13-8 in the session as Lapan caught fire, scoring eight of her eleven points in that time.

Lapan cut the visitors lead to 30-28 with 1:14 remaining in the third as she cashed in on two unanswered layups.

After a Hampshire free throw gave the visitors a three point lead at 31-28, the Rams cut the deficit to one when Brown blocked a Raider shot and the loose ball was picked up by Lapan. She smartly fed the streaking Hiers (3 points) for the easy layup making the score 31-30.

Hampshire then added a field goal to close out the third quarter, leading 33-30.

Hampshire extended their lead to nine with three quick hoops to open the final quarter of play. After Schulz fouled out for the Rams with 7:33 left in the game, Southwick went on to score the next nine points to knot the contest at 39-39.

Two field goals and two free throws from Brown and a three-point play from Florek did the trick. Florek fouled out five seconds after her big play.

Hampshire preceded to score the next 4 points.

Southwick tied it again at 43-43 on a Brown bucket. The Red Raiders then ran away and hid on the emotionally spent Rams with their 9-2 outburst late in the quarter.

Varsity Hoop Win Another

By Chris Hout

The Southwick Rams continue to maul their opponents in convincing fashion. Last Tuesday night against Belchertown the Rams placed three players in double figures enroute to a 78-41 blowout.

The victory, Southwick's seventh in eight tries, leaves them one game behind league leading Ware, who is undefeated at 8-0 in the E Division. Ware defeated the Rams 58-50 last Friday night at Southwick.

In the win over Belchertown, the Rams received scoring punch from Allan Swanson 16 points, Dave Reed 14 points and Daryl Leville 10 points.

Also helping out for the Rams were Stu Arnold (7 points), Todd Tyrpawicz (6 points), Gene Davidson (7 points), John Rapacki (6 points) and Mike Molta (6 points).

"The score gave me a chance to play everyone," said Southwick coach Bob Lawless following the game. "We have a lot of quality players on this team. I saw that tonight. I was very pleased with the effort."

Once again the Southwick side received ample scoring from their revolving centers, Allan Swanson and Daryl Leville.

The duo combined for 26 points on the evening while totally controlling the boards at both ends of the floor.

"It's a great weapon," said Lawless referring to his alternating 6-3 centers. "I knew Swanson was a good ballplayer but I wasn't sure of Leville. I had originally thought that he (Leville) would be splitting his time between us and the junior varsity. But he has really come through for us."

Leville is only a sophomore.

In the loss to Ware last Friday night, the Rams outscored their opponent in three of the four quarters but lost 58-50.

Big Carl Chrabaszcz, Ware's 6-7 center, scored 13 points in the second quarter as Ware outscored Southwick 24-5 in that time.

Southwick held the big guy scoreless in the first quarter as Dave Reed stuck to Chrabaszcz like glue.

But Reed fell into serious foul trouble in the second quarter and Lawless was forced to sit him down.

That's when Ware went wild, outscoring the Rams by 19 points.

"I knew once we got into serious foul trouble it was all over," said Lawless. "I would have liked to have gone the whole game with my starting five. It would have been interesting."

Sportsmen Corner

By Bill Chiba
Outdoor Writer

Due to a change in the law there seems to be a great deal of confusion about Connecticut's 1982 sportsmen's licenses.

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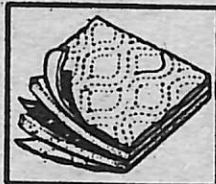
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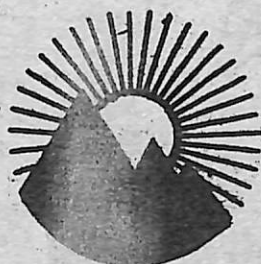


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Southwick Wrestlers Drop Another

For the Southwick High wrestling team, life continues to be miserable in Division One.

The Rams, who were forced into the top circuit this season due to Proposition 2 1/2, dropped their 8th consecutive match of the 1981-82 campaign, a 44-12 decision at the hands of East Longmeadow last Wednesday at East Longmeadow.

The Spartans used 6 pins enroute to their easy victory.

"They have a lot more experience on their side than we do," said Southwick coach Bob Thompson following the meet. "Our guys never gave up but the experience factor was just too much to overcome."

The Spartans won by fall in weight classes 100, 107, 114, 128, 147, and the heavyweight class. Southwick's Ronnie Crosier (140) weighed in at 142 pounds and was forced to forfeit his match. The Rams also forfeited the 187 pound match as the locals have yet to find one.

On the bright side for Southwick were the performances of Dave Deray (121), Jeff Hale (134), Doug Hale (157) and Eric Leavitt (169).

Deray lost a tough 6-0 decision of his opponent, while Jeff Hale lost another class call. Doug Hale pinned his opponent late in the second period and Leavitt, now 4-1, and with four pins on the season, pinned his man in the third period.

"The guys are really improving from match to match," said Thompson. "If anything, this season has been a learning experience for the whole team. It's a shame for the seniors, but the underclassmen will benefit a great deal from this season."

Suffield Pucksters Smash Glastonbury In 9-0 Romp

By Rick McCarty

The Suffield High Wildcats thrashed the Glastonbury Tomahawks 9-0, on Saturday, January 16, at the Hartford Arena in South Windsor. Led by two goal performances by Dan Sullivan and John Gallant, the 6-2 Wildcats stormed to a 3-0 first period advantage.

Twenty-four seconds into the contest, senior Mike Milligan tallied followed by Sullivan's pair of lamp-lighters. Billy Carney scored an unassisted goal in the second stanza for a 4-0 bulge.

In the final period, the Wildcats clawed their way to their highest scoring output for a single period. Gallant tallied two with assists from linemates Sullivan and Milligan.

Also scoring was senior wing Rob Colson, junior lineman Todd Phelps and sophomore defenseman Matt Coppola to account for the five third period goals, turning the game into a complete rout.

Registering the shutout in the Suffield nets was freshman Steve Gorman who turned aside 14 Tomahawk shots.

Flyers' Bantams Reorganize

The Bantam A team of the Suffield Flyers Youth Hockey Club, who lost five of the eight expected returnees from last years Division III state championship team have reorganized for the second half of their playing season. The defense is anchored by Tim Milligan while the offense is led by Geoff Gunn and Paul Stone.

Coach Scott Murdock has succeeded in starting to get full effort from all of his players. It is the key to this teams successful play and a Suffield tradition where commitment and desire compensates for limitations in size and talent. They have added players from the B team and Jay Petkowich is now skating wing and backing up Jim Bauchiero in goal. First year defensemen Tom Callahan and Gary Heyse have improved significantly in the past few weeks.

Second year man Peter Mann has moved back to steady the defense, while Billy McConnell has proven effective at forward. Billy Austin has been an effective goal scorer from in front, while Rich Walker is leading the forechecking. Bob Markowski, Paul Murphy, Jeff Stanton, Ed Markowski and Mike Ladden have filled in effectively from the B's. Chris Roeblen is centering the third line, which with Jim Bauchiero skating out, has tremendous goal scoring potential.

The team is a shade over the .500 mark on both total and league games and expect to finish close to the Division II/III crossover. Bob Bauchiero and Dave Gunn are assisting with the coaching and management. Team attitude is excellent with most of the boys in this age group beginning to look forward to their high school careers.

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